



## WAGE RATES INDEXES, AUSTRALIA, MAY 1982 (PRELIMINARY)

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### MAIN FEATURES

In May 1982, the weighted average minimum weekly wage rate for adult males increased by 26 cents to \$218.77. The rate for adult females increased by 6 cents to \$204.81.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

More information on these statistics of weighted average minimum weekly and hourly wage rates and index numbers for adult males and adult females will appear later in the monthly publication *Wage Rates, Australia* (6312.0) which also contains explanatory notes covering definitions, scope of the statistics, etc. Revised indexes based on more up-to-date weighting patterns are being developed and are expected to be published in 1982.

#### Definitions, etc.

2. The wage rates used in the compilation of the indexes are the lowest rates for a full week's work (excluding overtime) prescribed for particular occupations in awards or determinations of Federal or State industrial authorities; in collective agreements registered with these authorities; or in unregistered collective agreements where these are dominant in particular industries. The indexes are designed to measure movements in prescribed minimum rates of *wages* as distinct from *salaries*; those awards, etc. which relate solely or mainly to salary earners are therefore excluded. Because of delays in the receipt of notification of changes in wage rates as well as retrospective changes to rates, **all figures shown in this publication are subject to revision.** As such revisions are made they are published in the normal monthly tables of this publication.

3. The indexes are designed to measure trends in wage rates in current awards, etc. excluding the effects of changes in the relative importance of industries, awards and occupations. The weighted average wage rates shown in these tables are therefore indexes expressed in money terms, and do not purport to be actual current averages. Similarly, neither these weighted average wage rates nor the corresponding index numbers measure the relative levels of average current wage rates as between States or industries.

4. For adult males the weekly wage rates exclude rural industry; in addition the hourly rates exclude shipping and stevedoring, for which data to compute hourly wages are not available. The weekly and hourly wage rates for adult females exclude rural industry, mining and quarrying, and building and construction.

5. The annual changes shown in Tables 1, 2 and 4 measure the percentage change from the same month for the previous year. The percentages may fluctuate from month to month owing to the timing of significant award changes.

#### Related publications

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

n.e.i. not elsewhere included

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TABLE 1. - WEEKLY AND HOURLY WAGE RATES (A) - ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS, AUSTRALIA

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS; WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM HOURLY RATES PAYABLE; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.

END OF -	ADULT MALES					ADULT FEMALES				
	WEEKLY WAGE RATES			HOURLY WAGE RATES		WEEKLY WAGE RATES			HOURLY WAGE RATES	
	WAGE RATES \$	ANNUAL CHANGE %	INDEX NUMBERS (B)	WAGE RATES (CENTS)	INDEX NUMBERS (B)	WAGE RATES \$	ANNUAL CHANGE %	INDEX NUMBERS (B)	WAGE RATES (CENTS)	INDEX NUMBERS (B)
1981 -										
APRIL	194.08	9.4	687.2	485.34	686.0	180.65	11.5	907.4	455.37	907.7
MAY	201.06	13.1	711.9	502.77	710.6	187.10	15.5	939.8	471.63	940.1
JUNE	201.54	13.3	713.6	504.03	712.4	187.16	15.5	940.1	471.78	940.4
JULY	202.10	8.9	715.6	505.46	714.4	187.31	9.6	940.9	472.16	941.1
AUGUST	202.92	9.3	718.5	507.59	717.4	187.77	9.6	943.2	473.32	943.4
SEPTEMBER	204.19	9.6	723.0	510.85	722.0	188.57	9.3	947.2	475.35	947.5
OCTOBER	205.04	9.7	726.0	513.05	725.2	189.89	9.4	953.8	478.67	954.1
NOVEMBER	208.02	11.3	736.6	520.66	735.9	193.68	11.5	972.9	488.22	973.1
DECEMBER	213.94	14.3	757.5	535.86	757.4	197.94	13.7	994.3	498.96	994.5
1982 -										
JANUARY	215.71	11.2	763.8	540.06	763.3	200.45	11.1	1006.9	505.28	1007.1
FEBRUARY	216.82	11.8	767.7	542.89	767.3	202.49	12.1	1017.1	510.43	1017.4
MARCH	217.68	12.2	770.8	548.35	775.1	204.64	13.3	1027.9	517.00	1030.5
APRIL	218.51	12.6	773.7	550.53	778.1	204.75	13.3	1028.5	517.27	1031.0
MAY	218.77	8.8	774.6	552.68	781.2	204.81	9.5	1028.8	517.44	1031.4

(A) INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS IN THE METAL INDUSTRY AWARD, PART 1. (B) BASE-WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100.

TABLE 2. - WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES, INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31 MAY 1982.  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP	WAGE RATES \$							AUSTRALIA	
								ANNUAL CHANGE %	INDEX NOS. (A)
	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.		
MINING AND QUARRYING (B) (C)	287.21	211.49	261.36	207.44	206.93	216.12	260.06	9.6	920.8
MANUFACTURING -									
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES, ETC (C)	204.07	216.45	221.95	211.23	212.81	211.15	210.55	9.5	745.5
TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	204.77	206.73	202.91	200.77	210.82	199.82	205.55	10.5	727.8
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO (C)	210.93	215.86	211.63	204.57	216.20	206.89	212.22	7.7	751.4
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	199.28	196.12	215.85	194.90	208.77	183.69	201.66	5.8	714.1
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC. (C)	205.84	222.27	225.85	217.41	210.21	207.68	214.09	6.5	758.0
OTHER MANUFACTURING (C)	211.10	210.75	205.68	204.27	199.39	187.67	208.78	7.4	739.2
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS (C)	206.07	213.23	215.67	208.20	209.18	202.16	209.61	8.4	742.2
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (C)	243.02	251.76	225.46	246.05	216.71	219.22	238.99	10.5	846.2
RAILWAY SERVICES (C)	176.60	185.64	226.90	200.48	177.76	211.68	194.55	6.7	688.9
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT (C)	215.15	206.45	212.25	204.22	222.87	203.66	211.69	6.5	749.5
SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING (C) (D)	252.58	252.35	238.25	243.03	251.59	240.89	248.16	3.7	878.7
COMMUNICATION	269.98	271.79	269.42	263.72	271.37	255.80	269.50	16.1	954.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE (C)	217.11	226.05	216.59	213.03	216.11	208.52	218.81	8.8	774.8
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, (N.E.I.) AND COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS SERVICES	222.48	221.81	219.90	209.37	207.40	229.72	219.32	8.5	776.6
AMUSEMENTS, HOTELS, PERSONAL SERVICES, ETC	204.57	201.75	200.79	200.56	184.94	188.26	201.09	7.9	712.0
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (C) (E)	218.35	220.58	222.97	216.40	211.96	211.83	218.77	8.8	774.6

(A) BASE-WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100. (B) FOR MINING, WAGE RATES ARE THOSE PRESCRIBED FOR THE PRINCIPAL MINING CENTRES AND INCLUDE LEAD BONUSES ETC. (C) FOR STATES OTHER THAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS IN THE METAL INDUSTRY AWARD, PART 1. (D) INCLUDES WAGE RATES (AND VALUE OF KEEP) FOR OCCUPATIONS IN THE COASTAL SHIPPING SERVICE, OTHER THAN MASTERS, ENGINEERS AND OTHER OFFICERS. (E) EXCLUDES RURAL INDUSTRY.



TABLE 3. - HOURLY WAGE RATES - ADULT MALES, INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31 MAY 1982.  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND INDEX NUMBERS OF HOURLY RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
WAGE RATES (CENTS)							
MINING AND QUARRYING (A) (B)	804.92	533.09	689.95	518.60	542.23	552.50	702.95
MANUFACTURING -							
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES, ETC (B)	522.08	554.05	560.91	538.32	532.50	532.66	537.31
TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	511.94	516.83	507.28	501.92	527.04	499.54	513.88
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO (B)	529.66	541.33	529.25	512.64	548.74	519.47	532.39
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	500.15	491.95	539.62	487.26	521.93	459.24	505.24
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC. (B)	516.74	557.91	569.53	543.52	536.14	519.20	537.73
OTHER MANUFACTURING (B)	534.77	532.63	514.93	514.80	498.48	472.04	527.25
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS (B)	523.08	540.12	541.71	527.16	524.64	507.82	530.52
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (B)	620.95	653.47	571.37	622.11	541.78	560.65	610.36
RAILWAY SERVICES (B)	441.50	464.72	567.24	501.20	444.40	530.96	486.55
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT (B)	539.08	517.36	530.62	514.37	557.18	509.14	530.39
COMMUNICATION	707.29	710.12	703.94	698.32	709.03	670.13	705.73
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE (B)	544.07	565.74	542.00	534.05	540.29	522.12	547.91
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, (N.E.I.) AND COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS SERVICES	567.14	569.72	556.39	533.70	524.02	583.24	558.78
AMUSEMENTS, HOTELS, PERSONAL SERVICES, ETC	511.43	504.60	501.97	501.39	462.34	470.66	502.79
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (B)(D)	553.76	557.65	560.98	544.63	530.38	530.80	552.68
INDEX NUMBERS (C)							
MINING AND QUARRYING (A) (B)	1137.7	753.5	975.2	733.0	766.4	780.9	993.6
MANUFACTURING -							
ENGINEERING, METALS, VEHICLES, ETC (B)	737.9	783.1	792.8	760.9	752.6	752.9	759.4
TEXTILES, CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	723.6	730.5	717.0	709.4	744.9	706.1	726.3
FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO (B)	748.6	765.1	748.1	724.6	775.6	734.2	752.5
SAWMILLING, FURNITURE, ETC.	706.9	695.3	762.7	688.7	737.7	649.1	714.1
PAPER, PRINTING, ETC. (B)	730.4	788.6	805.0	768.2	757.8	733.8	760.0
OTHER MANUFACTURING (B)	755.9	752.8	727.8	727.6	704.6	667.2	745.2
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS (B)	739.3	763.4	765.7	745.1	741.5	717.8	749.8
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (B)	877.7	923.6	807.6	879.3	765.8	792.4	862.7
RAILWAY SERVICES (B)	624.0	656.8	801.8	708.4	628.1	750.5	687.7
ROAD AND AIR TRANSPORT (B)	762.0	731.3	750.0	727.0	787.5	719.6	749.7
COMMUNICATION	999.7	1003.7	995.0	987.0	1002.2	947.2	997.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE (B)	769.0	799.6	766.1	754.8	763.7	738.0	774.4
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, (N.E.I.) AND COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS SERVICES	801.6	805.3	786.4	754.3	740.7	824.4	789.8
AMUSEMENTS, HOTELS, PERSONAL SERVICES, ETC	722.9	713.2	709.5	708.7	653.5	665.2	710.7
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (B)(D)	782.7	788.2	792.9	769.8	749.7	750.2	781.2

(A) FOR MINING, WAGE RATES ARE THOSE PRESCRIBED FOR THE PRINCIPAL MINING CENTRES AND INCLUDE LEAD BONUSES, ETC. (B) FOR STATES OTHER THAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS IN THE METAL INDUSTRY AWARD, PART 1. (C) BASE-WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100. (D) EXCLUDES RURAL INDUSTRY AND SHIPPING AND STEVEDORING.



TABLE 4. - WEEKLY WAGE RATES - ADULT FEMALES, INDUSTRY GROUPS, 31 MAY 1982.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS; AND INDEX NUMBERS OF WAGE RATES.

INDUSTRY GROUP	WAGE RATES \$							AUSTRALIA	
	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.	ANNUAL CHANGE %	INDEX NOS.(A)
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MANUFACTURING -									
ENGINEERING,METALS,VEHICLES,ETC(B)	206.04	212.95	209.70	200.64	212.38	202.65	207.93	11.5	1044.5
TEXTILES,CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	197.81	196.69	195.23	196.98	199.70	191.22	197.01	11.1	989.6
FOOD,DRINK AND TOBACCO	209.51	201.45	198.45	197.34	200.04	191.10	203.18	8.9	1020.6
OTHER MANUFACTURING (B)	194.46	200.19	200.26	185.10	194.2	185.11	196.09	6.7	985.0
ALL MANUFACTURING GROUPS (B)	200.07	200.26	198.71	195.55	200.00	191.51	199.60	9.9	1002.6
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TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION	195.46	202.05	208.56	203.66	201.64	212.57	200.82	9.0	1008.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	214.92	223.26	218.32	211.04	215.17	183.80	216.37	9.0	1086.8
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES,(N.E.I.) AND COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS SERVICES	213.60	219.99	200.88	210.81	197.99	208.58	212.25	9.9	1066.1
AMUSEMENTS,HOTELS,PERSONAL SERVICES,ETC	197.59	197.99	190.08	194.56	178.52	188.65	194.79	8.3	978.5
ALL INDUSTRY GROUPS (B)	204.63	206.81	205.01	202.42	202.36	190.81	204.81	9.5	1028.8

(A) BASE-WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATE, AUSTRALIA, YEAR 1954 = 100. (B) FOR STATES OTHER THAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS IN THE METAL INDUSTRY AWARD, PART 1.

TABLE 5. WEEKLY WAGE RATES : ALL GROUPS(A)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK (EXCLUDING OVERTIME), AS PRESCRIBED IN AWARDS, DETERMINATIONS AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS.

END OF-	AUSTRALIA							
	N.S.W.	VIC.	QLD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	FEDERAL AWARDS, ETC.	STATE AWARDS, ETC.
ADULT MALES								
1981 -								
APRIL	194.54	193.07	198.61	191.67	190.63	192.37	195.47	192.40
MAY	201.55	200.00	206.07	198.66	196.61	199.16	202.48	199.33
JUNE	202.12	200.44	206.53	199.08	197.03	199.61	203.28	199.44
JULY	202.25	201.48	206.89	200.69	197.17	199.99	204.06	199.72
AUGUST	203.03	201.87	209.66	200.89	197.33	200.10	204.43	201.10
SEPTEMBER	203.95	203.43	210.32	203.00	199.10	202.08	206.32	201.61
OCTOBER	204.90	204.79	210.56	203.50	199.31	202.34	206.94	202.76
NOVEMBER	207.29	207.03	216.59	205.04	204.99	204.31	209.23	206.57
DECEMBER	214.64	214.37	218.53	211.73	205.13	207.26	217.63	209.47
1982 -								
JANUARY	216.01	216.72	220.40	212.28	208.46	208.63	218.45	212.40
FEBRUARY	216.59	218.59	221.04	214.19	209.03	210.45	220.04	212.92
MARCH	217.26	219.63	221.96	215.11	210.27	211.00	220.19	214.64
APRIL	218.01	220.34	222.97	215.76	211.94	211.65	221.42	214.99
MAY	218.35	220.58	222.97	216.40	211.96	211.83	221.63	215.32
ADULT FEMALES								
1981 -								
APRIL	180.38	181.17	183.18	179.27	179.60	172.72	171.74	188.38
MAY	186.84	187.69	189.75	185.72	185.28	178.95	177.96	195.03
JUNE	186.97	187.69	189.75	185.75	185.28	179.03	178.00	195.10
JULY	187.03	187.76	189.82	186.78	185.66	179.22	178.07	195.33
AUGUST	187.83	187.83	190.26	186.95	186.42	179.31	178.26	196.02
SEPTEMBER	188.42	188.89	191.20	187.74	187.06	180.36	179.47	196.48
OCTOBER	190.13	189.97	192.62	188.31	187.60	181.49	181.42	197.24
NOVEMBER	194.93	192.40	197.95	189.60	193.53	182.42	185.51	200.77
DECEMBER	199.53	197.72	198.76	195.34	194.03	184.86	190.96	204.00
1982 -								
JANUARY	201.37	202.41	198.82	195.65	196.91	185.04	191.26	208.42
FEBRUARY	202.86	205.05	200.44	199.08	198.05	188.27	194.94	209.04
MARCH	204.38	206.66	205.01	202.34	202.15	190.68	195.51	212.56
APRIL	204.59	206.71	205.01	202.41	202.15	190.68	195.51	212.77
MAY	204.63	206.81	205.01	202.42	202.36	190.81	195.52	212.88

(A) FOR STATES OTHER THAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS IN THE METAL INDUSTRY AWARD, PART 1.